Early Warning System

ADB-58453-002

Regional : Asian Development Outlook and Asian Development Policy Report, 2025

Quick Facts

Countries	Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei, Cambodia, China, Cook Islands, Fiji, Georgia, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Kiribati, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Malaysia, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nauru, Nepal, Niue, Pakistan, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Turkiye, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Vietnam
Financial Institutions	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2025-06-03
Borrower	Regional - Asian Development Bank
Sectors	Law and Government, Technical Cooperation
Investment Type(s)	Grant
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 1.50 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 1.50 million

Project Description

According to the Bank’s website, the TA subproject will support the production of the ADO 2025, and ADPR 2025 two of ADB's major publications. It will support the following activities: (i) preparing background analytical papers following the 2-year rolling research plan, (ii) further developing and refining analytical methods, (iii) drafting of ADO content, (iv) editing economic content and manuscripts, (v) preparing and laying out of materials for publication, and (vi) disseminating key results and policy messages.

Policymakers in ADB's developing member countries (DMCs) have been tested by some serious new challenges since 2019. In 2020, the coronavirus disease pandemic caused the region's first contraction in gross domestic product in 6 decades. Shrinking revenues and higher spending on safety nets worsened fiscal deficits and public debt, limiting investment capacity. The Russian invasion of Ukraine in 2022, which drove up energy and food prices, increased inflation, and slowed poverty reduction, disrupted recovery efforts in developing Asia. As these shocks subsided, trade, geopolitical, and economic tensions intensified, posing new challenges. New rounds of tariff increases by the United States announced on 2 April 2025 could increase global fracturing. Geopolitical conflicts in the Middle East and elsewhere could disrupt supply chains. Threats from climate change continue to grow: rising temperatures, extreme weather events, and sea level rise could cause economic losses of up to 24% across Asia and the Pacific by 2100, with higher losses in Southeast Asia and India. Even technological advancements, which will continue to drive growth, present risks such as workforce displacement and a growing digital divide.

Limited capacity and knowledge gaps in many DMCs complicate efforts to address these immediate and long-term challenges. Robust, timely research and analyses are required to support effective policymaking and tackle inequality, climate change, and social protection.The TA cluster will contribute timely research and analyses to address knowledge gaps in the region.

Early Warning System Project Analysis

According to the Technical Assistance Report, the Risk Categories are:

Environment: Not Applicable
Involuntary Resettlement: Not Applicable
Indigenous Peoples: Not Applicable

Investment Description

- Asian Development Bank (ADB)

The TA cluster subproject financing amount is $1,500,000, which will be financed on a grant basis by ADB's Technical Assistance Special Fund (TASF-8 for $750,000 and TASF-other sources for $750,000).

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Bank Documents

- Asian Development Outlook and Asian Development Policy Report, 2025: Technical Assistance Cluster Su

Other Related Projects

- ADB-58453-001 Regional : Asian Development Outlook and Asian Development Policy Report, 2025-2027